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Dear Ms. Dadonna,

Please find enclosed herewith copy of the official Supplementary European Search Report together with the references cited therein.

For the present application the Request for Substantive Examination was already filed. However, as per enclosed copy of a Notification of the EPO dated December 6, 2004 it is requested to inform the European Patent Office that examination procedures shall be initiated in view of the Supplementary Search Report.

If we do not advise the European Patent Office that examination procedures shall be started, the application will be considered withdrawn and the examination fee will be reimbursed.

Therefore, should we not receive your instructions to abandon this case by

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we shall advise the EPO to initiate examination procedures.

Also, should you want to file amended claims to take account of the search result, kindly forward same by the above date.

Very truly yours,



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Encl.: Copy of Supplementary Search Report  
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